

REMARKS

The Examiner is thanked for the allowance of the pending claims (claims 2-20 and 39-50).

A. Amendment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.312 in response to the October 20, 2008 Notice of Allowability

Applicants respectfully request that the Amendment submitted herewith be entered as it merely makes the following amendments:

1. Claims 2-4, 9-11 and 48-50 have been amended with the purpose of providing claim language that may be more suitable to define the invention. Support for these amendments can be found for example in Figures 2 and 3, as well as their accompanying description (pages 12-17 of the Specification), in pages 9-10, 17-18 of the Specification, and in allowed claims 44-47.

2. Claims 11 and 20 have been amended to correct a clerical error.

Applicants respectfully submit that no new matter has been added in the these amendments. Should the Examiner believe that direct contact with the Applicants' representative would be helpful, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number below.

B. Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance

Applicants respectfully submit that while Applicants agree with the assertions in the Notice of Allowability regarding what Magill and Gianakouros fail to teach, Applicants respectfully continue to disagree with the assertions in the Notice of Allowability regarding what these references do teach. In particular, as previously argued by Applicants during the prosecution of this application, Applicants respectfully continue to disagree with at least the assertion that Magill in view of Gianakouros teach a method comprising the step of determining if said buy order price and said sell order price are within said NBBO price range.

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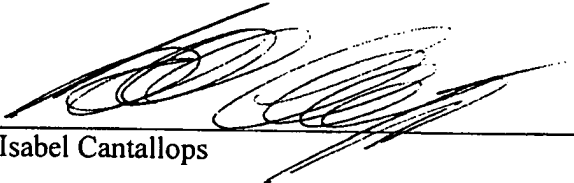
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Please charge any additional fees for this Amendment or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 50 0521. A duplicate copy of this letter is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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